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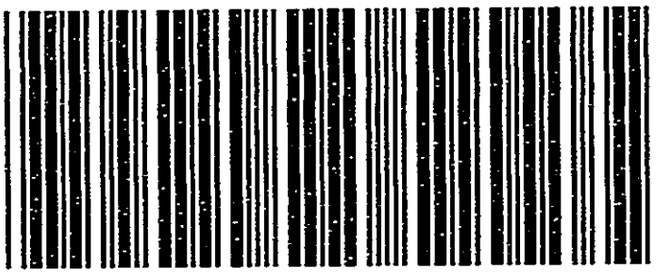
405 Private Theodore Fenton

13th Battalion



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15th Batt.
A.I.F.,

FENTON
Pte 405

"Died"

He was admitted here on the 6.2.17 abd died on the 8th of the 2nd.
He was wounded in the chest with High Explosive. He received every care and attention and received the last rites of his Church.

Cert. by letter from The Chaplain
45th Casualty Clearing Station,
B.E.F.
3.4.17.

London
11.4.17.

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13th Battn. A.I.F. 405 FENTON, T. Pte.

Died of Wounds 8/2/17.

I knew Fenton well -- he had been on the Peninsula-- we called him "Darkie" because of his complexion -- he was digging a communication trench at Goudecourt, between our line and Fritz's after we had taken Fritz's trenches, after the big fight. It was two days after the line was taken -- I came away with trench feet on the 9th --Fenton was buried near the chalk pit, at the first clearing station, where he died.

Informant:-- Pte Duncan, 3745
13th Battalion A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK

26/9/17.
H.S.H.

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13th BATTALION A.I.F. FENTON, T., Private, No. 405

"Died of wounds 8/2/17"

Informant described Fenton as about 5 ft 8 inches high, well built, dark complexion, aged about 30. Came from Goulburn.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company. He knew nothing about the time or place where Fenton met his death, but when he was coming down from Bapaume he came across a small cemetery about half way between Bapaume and Rubimont to the right hand side of the road coming from Bapaume. Fenton had been buried there and his grave was pointed out to Informant. He and Corporal W.J.Dixon, since killed, made a cross and put it on Fenton's grave. Fenton's name was put on the cross with indelible pencil. Informant added that he knew Fenton well.

INFORMANT Corporal J.P.Murray,
No 6771, "B" Coy., 13th Battalion.
Home address - 54 Burton Place,
Darlinghurst.

W.E.G.
No 21, Aus. Aux. Hospital,
Georges Heights, Mosman.
24/7/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU

13th Battalion.

FENTON. T.
Private No.405.

"Died of Wounds. 8.2.17".

Fenton was a pal of mine, and knew him well. We went over to attack the German Lines at Gudscourt on the 4.2.17. I was told later on that he was wounded during the attack. He died later on in Hospital, and I helped to put a Cross over his grave.

Informant:- J.P.Murray, 6771,

Home Address:- 54, Thomson Place,
Darlinghurst.

J.V.H.
No.4, Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.
23.10.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
13th Battalion.

FENTON, Private.
No. 387.

"Died of Wounds 8.2.17."

Fenton was in "B" Company with me, he was tall, very dark, and a married man. He was wounded on 7/8.2.17 at Gueudecourt. I saw him on a stretcher being carried out, and he died on the stretcher. I heard the following morning that he had died as they got him to the Dressing Station. We called him "Darkie", and he was one of the best.

Informant: Private S. Holland, No. 398.
13th Battalion, "B" Company.
Home address: 51 Collins Street, Surry Hills.

I can confirm the above and know that he was buried at Braille and I have seen his grave in a military cemetery with a proper cross on it with his name and particulars.

Informant: Sergeant J. Grady, No. 387.
13th Battalion, "B" Company.
Home address: 51 Collins Street, Surry Hills.

N.S.W.
5.12.18.
Ranken Chambers Inquiry Office.

Sd Sgt SYDNEY BUREAU.

45 C.C.B.

B.E.F.

The Secretary
Aust Red Cross Society. April 3rd 1917

Dear Sir

Regarding your query into the case of Pte Stenton 405. 17th Batt A.I.F. He was admitted here on the 6/2/17 and died on the 8th of the 2nd. He was wounded in the chest with High Explosive. He received every care and attention and received the last rites of the Church.

J. Lowery C.F.
R.C. Chaplain

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23rd March 1917.

The Commanding Officer.
45th Casualty Clearing Station.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send us details of the sufferings, death and burial of the following Australians who died in your hospital. Their relatives in Australia will greatly appreciate all that you can tell us:-

No. 405. Pte. T. Fenton, 15th Battn. died of wounds on 6.2.17.

No. 4731. Pte. E. F. Ayling, 15th Batn. died of wounds on 3.2.17.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

I.b.

Secretary.
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